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Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug today announced the appointment of Dr. Clarence Cottam as Assistant Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dr. Cottam, since 1944 Chief of the Service's Division of Wildlife Research, will succeed Albert M. Day, who became Director of the Service on April 1 following the retirement of Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson.

In announcing the appointment, Secretary Krug said that Dr. Cottam "comes to his new position with excellent qualifications, training, understanding, and 17 years of experience in handling biological and administrative problems connected with the Fish and Wildlife Service. He brings a scientific and practical viewpoint to a subject of increasing national interest."

Dr. Cottam has been active in the conservation of American wildlife throughout his career as an educator and research scientist in the fields of botany, ornithology and general biology.

Born in St. George, Utah on January 1, 1899, Dr. Cottam attended the schools of his home town, including Dixie College, and later studied at the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, and George Washington University. He received his B.S. degree in 1926 and his M.S. in 1927 from Brigham Young University and his Ph.D. from George Washington University in 1936.

After graduation from college he spent several years as a member of the faculty of Brigham Young University teaching zoology, botany, and entomology. In 1929, he entered the employ of the Department of Agriculture in the former Bureau of Biological Survey--a predecessor of the Fish and Wildlife Service--as a Junior

Biologist in the Division of Food Habits Research. In 1931 he was promoted to Assistant Biologist and in 1934, with the rating of Senior Biologist, he was placed in charge of a section devoted to research on economic wildlife problems in the Division of Wildlife Research.

In 1944 Dr. Cottam was appointed to a new position as Assistant to the Director, serving as a coordinating and liaison officer for the Service in the development of the wildlife potentialities of land-use projects in connection with the Bureau of Reclamation, the Army Engineers of the War Department, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and other Federal and State agencies.

Upon the retirement of Dr. Wm. B. Bell as Chief of the Division of Wildlife Research on August 1, 1944, Dr. Cottam was appointed as his successor.

Dr. Cottam is the author or co-author of approximately 200 articles on wildlife subjects and belongs to many scientific organizations. He is a Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union and a member of the Wilson Ornithological Club, Cooper Ornithological Club, Tennessee Ornithological Club, American Association for Advancement of Science, Wildlife Society of America, American Wildlife Institute, Washington Academy of Science, Washington Biological Society, Washington Biologists' Field Club, Utah Academy of Science, American Society of Mammalogists, Ecological Society of America, American Forestry Association, and Eastern Bird Banding Association.

Dr. Cottam was married to Miss Margery Brown, of Alamo, Nev., in 1920 and they have four children. He resides at 932 $\frac{1}{2}$ Judson Avenue, Evanston, Ill.